cases may be brought to the notice of the settlement authorities.

12. Prayer for the concession of Nadavukur and Vachupathi in the present settlement as in the past.

Mr. K. Aiyappan Pillai (Minachil) said that the ryots would be benefited by these concessions being granted to them in the present settlement also.

Reply.—The question of Nadavukur has been set at rest by section 9 of the Settlement Proclamation of 1886. No concession on this account can be granted. As regards Vachupathi, if it relates to assessment, the matter will be considered at the time when rates are fixed.

13 Reduction of tax on punja cultivation in Nanjanad.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) said that at the recent Nanjanad settlement it was decided by Government that when punja crops were raised on paddy lands, half the tax levied on them as per settlement should alone be realized and a uniform rate of Rs. 4 per kotah or 12 chs. per parah was fixed as tax under that decision. Though all tax hitherto payable in kind had been converted into money at 11 chs. per parah, the member represented that the benefit of this scheme was denied to them. He therefore prayed that in cases of punja cultivation on wet lands, half the tax leviable under the rule might be realized at 6 chs. per parah and the other half at 11 chs. per parah.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Tovala) also spoke on the necessity for this concession being granted to the ryots.

Reply.—The tax under this head has been long ago commuted into money at the fixed and uniform rate of Rs. 4 per kotah and as such the question cannot be now reopened. The new scheme relates only to the tax hitherto paid in paddy.

14. Assessment of lands irrigated by well-water at specially favourable rates.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) said that lands depending solely on well-water for irrigation in Nanjanad were assessed in the settlement just as nanja lands irrigable by tank or river water. This subject was brought forward at the last session of the Assembly

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and Government promised consideration. The member prayed that in view of the difficulties attending the cultivation of such lands Government might be pleased to treat them specially and assess them at favourable rates.

Reply.—Although this subject was brought up last year, it was somehow overlooked. An enquiry will be started in the matter and orders passed.

15. That in the Tovala Proverty alone all rain-fed lands irrespective of tenure are allowed remission of tax on account of Tharisu and that this concession should be extended to all Manamari lands in Nanjanad.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Tovala) said that fallow remissions were not granted in Nanjanad on any uniform principle and that in the Tovala Proverty alone were all lands irrespective of tenure allowed remission of tax on this account. He prayed for an extension of this concession to Manamari lands in Nanjanad as a whole, as what applied to the Tovala Proverty was equally applicable to the other Proverties also.

Mr. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai (Agastisvaram) also spoke on the subject.

Reply.—No uniform system seems to be followed in the matter of fallow remissions in Nanjanad. In paras 100 to 111 of the Nanjanad settlement report submitted by the Settlement Dewan Peishkar, a detailed account is given of the varying systems of remissions in vogue. In concluding the account, the Peishkar said that "a proper adjustment should be made and a uniform treatment adopted". Reviewing this portion of the report, Government said, "No doubt the system is fraught with anomalies which require correction. The local conditions should be fully scrutinized and proposals submitted to Government for such adjustments as may be called for in due regard to the interests involved". It does not appear that any further action was taken on the lines indicated above. The matter will now be enquired into and orders passed.

16. Grant of remission of tax on account of failure of crops from submergence.

Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (Taluk Association, Kalkulam) said that in the Padmanabhapuram Division though the rules provided for the grant of Karivu remission, ryots suffered more from loss by

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